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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 10-15006 - An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.
2. Deutschland Patent Application No. DE 670160
3. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 11-197200 - An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 61-34924
5. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 48-27393
6. French Patent Application No. FR 1576131
7. Deutschland Patent Application No. DE 1782247
8. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Application No. Hei JP 9-122192 - An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed. The relevance of this document is also discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.
9. WO 97/07767 - An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.
10. Japanese Patent Laid-open Application No. Hei JP 10-327936 - An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed. The relevance of this document is also discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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